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For: HG-CSF FUSION POLYPEPTIDE HAVING C-MPL
ACTIVITY, DNA CODING FOR SAME AND METHODS OF
TREATING ANEMIA USING SAME

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December 23, 2002

Honorable Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Office Action dated June 21, 2002, entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks are requested; the period for response having been extended up to and including Monday, December 23, 2002, by submission of the requisite petition and fee, attached.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, delete the first paragraph and insert the following therefor:

New Matter
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--This is a continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 08/765,337, filed December 23, 1996, abandoned, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--